REMARKS

Claims 1-75 were pending in this application.

Claim 76 has been newly added. Support for new claim 76 can be found, for example, at p. 36, l. 10 and p. 39, l. 25.

Claims 29, 39, 40, 41, 66 have been amended. Claim 29 has been amended to revise the claim dependency. Claims 39 and 66 have been amended for clerical reasons. Claims 40 and 41 have been amended to add and/or remove members to the Markush groups of these claims. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the application as filed and in the original claims.

Applicants emphasize that the amendments to the claims are unrelated to patentability. As such the Examiner has not yet examined any of the claims of the instant application.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 15-23, 25-33, 35-60, 63-68 and 72-76 will be pending in this application.

The specification has been amended to correct typographical/clerical errors. No new matter is added by way of these amendments.

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CONCLUSIONS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 15-23, 25-33, 35-60, 63-68 and 72-76 will be pending in this application.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this correspondence. However, if any fees are due, please charge the payments due to our Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

If a telephone interview would advance prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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